wherein

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₆-cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, halogen, -CF₃, or -OCF₃;

R² is -NR⁶R⁷, wherein

R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₆-cycloalkyl, or C₂₋₄-acyl,

 R^7 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl, C_{3-6} -cycloalkyl, or C_{2-4} -acyl, or

 R^6 and R^7 together with the nitrogen between them form a 5- or 6-membered, saturated or unsaturated ring containing 0, 1, or 2 additional heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and nitrogen, wherein each additional nitrogen atom is unsubstituted or substituted by C_{1-4} -alkyl, or R^6 and R^7 together with the nitrogen between them form phthalimido;

R³ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, -CF₃, or -OCF₃;

R⁴ is hydrogen, halogen or C₁₋₆-alkyl; and

R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, halogen, -CF₃, or -OCF₃;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof .--

--22. (new) The compound of the formula II according to claim 21, wherein:

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄-alkyl, cyclopropyl, C₁₋₄-alkoxy, halogen, -CF₃, or -OCF₃;

R² is -NR⁶R⁷, wherein

R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₃₋₆-cycloalkyl, or acetyl,

R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₃₋₆-cycloalkyl, or acetyl, or

R⁶ and R⁷ together with the nitrogen between them form phthalimido;

R³ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₁₋₄-alkoxy, -CF₃, or -OCF₃;

R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄-alkyl, or halogen; and,

R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₁₋₄-alkoxy, halogen, -CF₃, or -OCF₃;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--

--23. (new) The compound of the formulae II according to claim 21, wherein:

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-3} -alkyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, cyclopropyl, C_{1-3} -alkoxy, halogen, or - CF_3 ;

R² is -NR⁶R⁷, wherein

R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄-alkyl, or cyclopropyl,

R⁷ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄-alkyl, or

R⁶ and R⁷ together with the nitrogen between them form phthalimido;

R³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₃-alkyl, *n*-butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, C₁₋₃-alkoxy, halogen, or -CF₃;

R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₃-alkyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or halogen; and,

 R^5 is hydrogen, C_{1-3} -alkyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, C_{1-3} -alkoxy, halogen, or -CF₃;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof .--

--24. (new) The compound of the formulae II according to claim 21, wherein:

R¹ is hydrogen or methyl;

R² is -NR⁶R⁷, wherein

R⁶ is hydrogen or methyl,

R⁷ is hydrogen or methyl, or

R⁶ and R⁷ together with the nitrogen between them form phthalimido;

R³ is hydrogen, methyl, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine;

R⁴ is hydrogen; and

R⁵ is hydrogen, methyl, chlorine, or bromine;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof .--

- --25. (new) A compound selected from the group consisting of:
- $\hbox{$2$-(3-dimethylamino-2-methylphenylimino)$ imidazolidine,}$
- 2-(6-bromo-3-dimethylamino-2-methylphenylimino)imidazolidine,
- 2-(5-amino-2-chloro-4-dimethylamino-2-methylphenylimino)imidazolidine, and
- 2-(3-amino-2-methylphenylimino)imidazolidine,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof .--